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## Storm Lake enters 'Iowa Great Places,' hopes high

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Storm Lake will be one of 145 places in the state competing to be chosen in the initial Great Places of Iowa program being formed by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Three locations will be selected in October to take part in the pilot program.

About 75 "coaches" from throughout state government will be sent around to places entered in the program, including Storm Lake, to work throughout the remainder of the summer to help local officials launch their visions into realities.

"The number and the quality of the invitations received show the tremendous enthusiasm for Great Places," said Anita Walker, Iowa Cultural Affairs director. "Iowans clearly accepted the challenge to think about what was genuine and authentic about their places and to dream about what it would take to make them great places."

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